IN THE CLAIMS:

1.   (Currently Amended) A <u>computer implemented</u> method of indicating <u>a remaining</u> <u>capacity for concurrently processing a predefined maximal number of data entered</u> ~~the amount of~~ ~~data, in particular of characters, which can be entered~~ in an edit field of an electronic device ~~for a~~ ~~common subsequent processing~~, comprising<u>:</u>

> <u>determining the remaining capacity; and</u>

> <u>providing a graphic element to visually represent the remaining capacity</u> ~~the step that the~~ ~~available capacity for entering data in the edit field is graphically visualized~~.

2.   (Currently Amended) A method of claim 1 <u>further comprising changing the</u>~~, wherein~~ ~~the look of a~~ graphic element ~~associated to the edit field is changed~~ in functional dependency to the ~~available~~ remaining capacity.

3.   (Currently Amended) A method of claim 2, wherein the graphic element is subdivided into two areas, wherein the percentages of the two areas are changed in functional dependency to the remaining ~~available~~ capacity.

4.   (Currently Amended) A method of claim 2, wherein the graphic element is subdivided into several sub-portions, each of which <u>represents</u> ~~is representing~~ a predefined amount of <u>the</u> <u>predefined maximal number</u> ~~capacity, so that for every amount of capacity already used one of these~~ ~~sub-portions is visually displayed, filled up and/or deleted~~.

5.   (Currently Amended) A method of claim <u>2</u> ~~1~~, wherein the <u>graphic element is</u> ~~look of~~ a text cursor associated with the electronic device ~~is changed proportional to the number of~~ ~~remaining characters, which can be entered into the edit field~~.

6.   (Currently Amended) An electronic device having an edit field, <u>comprising:</u>

means for entering data ~~and/or characters~~ into the edit field; ~~and~~

means for <u>concurrently</u> processing a predefined maximal number of ~~entered~~ data <u>entered in</u>

<u>the edit field</u> ~~and/or characters all at once~~; and ~~, comprising~~

a graphic element associated <u>with</u> ~~to~~ the edit field for <u>visually representing a remaining</u>

<u>capacity of the predefined maximal number</u> ~~graphically visualizing the space or capacity available in~~

~~the edit field~~.

7. ,   (Currently Amended) An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the ~~look of the~~ graphic

element is <u>changed</u> ~~changeable~~ in functional dependency to the <u>remaining</u> ~~available space or~~

capacity.

8.   (Currently Amended) An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the graphic element is

subdivided into two areas, wherein the percentages of the two areas are changeable in functional

dependency to the <u>remaining capacity</u> ~~available space~~.

9.   (Currently Amended) An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the graphic element is

subdivided into several sub-portions, each ~~of which is~~ representing a predefined amount of <u>the</u>

<u>predetermined maximal number</u> ~~capacity, and wherein respectively one of these portions is~~

~~changeable for a character entered~~.

10.   (Original) An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the graphical element is a text

cursor.

11.   (Currently Amended) An electronic device of ~~any of~~ claim 6 <u>wherein the electronic</u>

<u>device is</u> ~~, being~~ a mobile phone~~, in particular based on a GSM-standard or UMTS-standard~~.

12.   (New) An electronic device of claim 11 wherein the mobile phone is based on a

GSM standard.

13.   (New) An electronic device of claim 12 wherein the mobile phone is based on a
UMTS standard.

14.   (New) An electronic device of claim 6 wherein the data are textual characters.

15.   (New) An electronic device of claim 9 wherein each of the sub-portions is changed in
functional dependency to the predefined amount.

16.   (New) An electronic device of claim 6 wherein the graphic element visually
represents the remaining capacity via a change in color.

17.   (New) An electronic device of claim 6 wherein the graphic element visually
represents the remaining capacity via flashing frequency.

18.   (New) A method of claim 1 wherein the data are textual characters.

19.   (New) A method of claim 4 wherein each of the sub-portions is changed in functional
dependency to the predefined amount.

20.   (New) A method of claim 1 wherein the graphic element visually represents the
remaining capacity via a change in color or a flashing frequency.